



@USAID\_Colombia

facebook.com/USAIDColombia

# JUNTOS APRENDEMOS

Strengthening the Colombian education system's capacity to deliver inclusive and quality education in communities impacted by migration.

## OVERVIEW

*Juntos Aprendemos*, or “Together we Learn”, increases children and adolescents’, ages 3 to 17, access to quality education in areas impact by migration. The activity helps children and adolescents develop skills needed for learning and future success by improving their participation, retention, and performance in school. The activity also works with local and national actors, like the Ministry of Education, Secretaries of Education, the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF), civil society organizations (CSOs) and more, to understand and address children and adolescents’ barriers to educational access. The activity is implemented in areas with large populations of Venezuelan migrants and Colombian returnees, including Barranquilla, Bogota, Bucaramanga, Cali, Cartagena, Cucuta, Medellin, Riohacha, and Santa Marta. *Juntos Aprendemos* runs from February 2021 to February 2026.

PHOTO BY USAID/COLOMBIA

## COMPONENTS

### IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL QUALITY

*Juntos Aprendemos* supports the development of learning environments that are safe, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of learners. It does this by strengthening local and national government actors' capacity to provide quality education, and by strengthening educators' capacity to deliver improved instruction in foundational skills, like literacy, numeracy, and social and emotional learning.

### INCREASING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

*Juntos Aprendemos* works with CSOs and local government actors to increase student enrollment and retention in education. The activity also improves children and adolescents' access to legal, protection, and psychosocial support services, and increases children and adolescents' access to flexible education modalities, like remote learning.

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*Juntos Aprendemos* empowers community actors, like parent-teacher associations, to engage in education-related decision making and service delivery. The activity also increases family and caregiver's engagement in student learning, and develops community activities that bring together children, adolescents, families, schools, and businesses.

## RESULTS

- Benefited over 200,000 children and adolescents through activity interventions;
- Partnered with 400 educational institutions to improve student access to education and increase school enrollment;
- Used organizational assessments and peer-to-peer mentoring to strengthen the capacities of Fundación Carvajal, Proantioquia, and Parque Explora;
- Strengthened the capacity of 14 Secretaries of Education, the Ministry of Education, and the ICBF to foster inclusive opportunities and to promote social and emotional wellbeing for educators and learners in the classroom; and
- Engaged over 15,000 educators and 13,000 parents and caregivers through a variety of evidence-based programs that support teacher professional development, family engagement, and the wellbeing of the education community.